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For: Digital Spectral Identifier-  
Controller and Related  
Methods

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**Preliminary Amendment**  
**(37 CFR 1.115)**

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.115, kindly amend the claims 6, 7, 25 and 28  
as shown below and add claims 41 through 53.

B1 1 6. (Amended). The method as recited in claim 5 in which the spectral distribution is  
2 transmitted in an analog state.

B2 1 7. (Amended). The method recited in Claim 6 in which the spectral distribution is first  
2 converted to digital information prior to transmitting.

B3 1 25. (Amended). A method for comparing selected objects, said method comprising  
2 the steps of: